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SUBJECT: EGYPT ADHERING TO AU POSITION ON UNSC REFORM

REF: A. STATE 134316

[1](#)B. CAIRO 5513

[1](#)C. STATE 132429

Classified by Charge d'Affaires Stuart Jones for reasons 1.4
(b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (C) Acting DCM spoke July 21 with Amb. Ahmed Fathallah, Egypt's Assistant Foreign Minister for Multilateral Affairs, and delivered points in ref A, underscoring the urgency. Fathallah said that the Egyptian position remained as described in ref B and that Egypt would not support the G-4 effort. He said that the GOE had formally communicated to G-4 states its position that it would abstain on their framework resolution. He noted that the African group remained committed to the AU proposal and that G-4 efforts to bridge the gap had failed.

[1](#)2. (C) Acting DCM asked Fathallah whether the GOE was considering a vote against the resolution rather than abstaining. Fathallah replied that the GOE considered an abstention as the same as voting against as a two-thirds majority voting yes was required to pass the resolution. Finally, he said that the GOE agreed with the U.S. position that comprehensive UN reform should not be considered precipitously.

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